

a slider slidably mounted in said housing and being movable between an ejection position for ejecting said card from said housing and a card receiving position for receiving said card in said housing;

a lock member held by and being movable along with said slider for engaging a cutout on a lateral edge of said card to lock said card in said card receiving position said lock member comprises a fixed end portion fixed on said slider;

a positioning mechanism for positioning said slider in said ejection position and said card receiving position;

a free end portion being supported by contacting a support surface of said housing when in said card receiving position and being separated from said support surface when in said ejection position; and

a spring piece with an engagement protrusion for engaging said cutout; wherein when said slider is in said ejection position, said free end portion flexes to disengage the engagement with said cutout of said card by the extraction of said card; and

when said slider is in said card receiving position, said free end portion elastically deforms while contacting said support surface to disengage the engagement with said cutout by the forced extraction of said card.

4. A card connector comprising:

an insulating housing having a plurality of contacts for receiving a card;

a slider being movable between card release and card engagement positions;

a lock member having a fixed end portion being fixed to the slider and an engagement protrusion that engages the card;

a positioning mechanism that moves the lock member between a card release position and a card engagement position and secures the lock member in the card engagement position; and

the lock member having a portion that elastically deforms to disengage from the card when the lock member is secured in the card engagement position and the card is forcibly extracted.

5. The card connector of claim 4, wherein the lock member includes a free end portion that moves away from the card to disengage the engagement protrusion from the card when the lock member is in the card release position.